Credit contract with Italy

72. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Rs. 325 crore credit contract has recently been signed by the Government of India with Italy;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the terms of the credit; and

(d) what is the purpose for which the contract has been signed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) A Memorandum of Understanding for a credit of US dollar 250 million (Rs. 325 crores approx.) for the energy sector has been signed between the Government of India and Government of Italy on 9-1-88.

(b) and (c) The Credit is repayable over 20 years including grace period of 10 years and carries an interest rate of 1 5. per cent pa. repayable half-yearly. The credit may be used either independently or alongwith export credit and outright grant. The ratio of the above credit and export credit shall be in the minimum proportion of 60:40 respectively. Export credit is repayable over 10 years and carries an interest at OECD consensus rate.

(d) The credit is to he used for financing import of equipment and engineering services of Italian origin for projects in the energy sector.

Seizure of heroin by the Delhi Police

73. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the 'Times of India" dated 15th January, 1988 to the effect that Delhi Police seized 11 kgs. of heroin which is worth Rs. 11 crores in the US Market;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any arrests have been made in this connection; and

(d) what action Government have taken against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL. PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFATRS rSHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) On 14th January, 1988 two persons riding a two-wheeler scooter were intercepted on Mathura Road and 5 kgs. of heroin was recovered from their possession. On the same day, 6 kgs. of heroin was recovered from one person near the Defence Colony flyover

Cases under various sections of law have j been registered and all three of them have been arrested. They are under judicial custody.

हिन्दी भाषा का प्रसार

74. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :
श्री राम चन्द्र विकल :

क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि "क" और "ख" क्षेत्रों में राजभाषा अधिनियम की पूर्णतः अवहेलना करते हुए रोमन लिपि के कम्प्यूटरों, टेलेक्स मशीनों और टेलीप्रिंटरों जैसे दर्जनों आधुनिक यंत्रों के आगमन और अबाधित प्रयोग के फलस्वरूप हिन्दी के प्रसार का कार्य वर्षों पीछे पड़ गया है और जहां भी टेलेक्स मशीनें लगाई गई हैं वहां से एक भी तार में हिंदी नहीं भेजा गया है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि "क" क्षेत्रों में अंग्रेजी के टंकण यंत्रों आदि की तुलना में देव नागरी के टंकण यंत्रों, टंककों और आशुलिपिकों की संख्या नहीं के बराबर है, जबकि उनकी संख्या 50:50 होनी चाहिये थी ; और